

**Dakota Prairie Grasslands
USDA Forest Service
Request for Public Comment
Medora Ranger District**



Bridger Pipeline's Little Missouri Loop Pipeline

The Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Medora Ranger District seeks public comments on a proposal submitted by Bridger Pipeline LLC (Bridger) to install approximately 10 miles of 16-inch steel crude oil pipeline from their existing permitted facility known as the Fryburg truck unloading station (TUL) located in Section 33, T140N, R100W, Billings County, ND, to the Bosserman Booster Station located near Baker, MT. Total length of project is approximately 77 miles with 10 miles intermingled on National Forest System (NFS) land in Billings and Golden Valley counties. The purpose and need of the pipeline is to reduce oil tanker traffic in the Bakken region by increasing transportation of crude oil via pipeline up to 125,000 barrels per day.

The proposed project would begin at the Bridger Fryburg TUL station located in Section 33 and proceed south until reaching state land in Section 4, T139N, R100W, Billings County. The pipeline would stay on private land for approximately five miles until reaching NFS land in Section 33, T139N, R100W. The pipeline would proceed in a southwesterly direction crossing NFS, private or state land intermittently until leaving NFS land in Section 30, T138N, R103W, Golden Valley County. Bridger has also requested to temporarily improve access for this construction project in Sections 28 and 33, T138N, R103W, Golden Valley County.

This comment period provides those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to the release of the environmental assessment and the decision being made by the responsible official. For this proposal, the scoping and comment period will run concurrently for 30 days and will end on July 15, 2016. At this time, it is anticipated that this 30-day comment period will be the only opportunity for comment. In order to be eligible to object under 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B, you must submit a comment during this 30 day comment period.

Comments regarding this proposed action will be reviewed to determine issues and in developing alternatives in the project analysis. Include your 1) name, address, telephone number, and organization (if applicable) 2) name of the project and 3) specific issues and supporting reasons you feel should be considered. Send comments to Shannon Boehm, District Ranger, Medora Ranger District, 99 23rd Ave. W., Suite B, Dickinson, ND 58601; ATTN: Bridger LM Loop Pipeline; or email: comments-northern-dakota-prairie-medora@fs.fed.us. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record.

Comments may be submitted anonymously; however, people submitting anonymous comments will not have standing to object to the subsequent decision (36 CFR 218).

Find a full description of the proposed action and related maps detailing the pipeline on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands webpage online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/dpg/landmanagement/projects> or call the Project Leader Cathy Walsh at the Medora Ranger District at (701) 227-7818 for information.

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